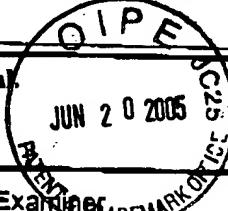


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
14774

In Re Application Of: JOHNSON, Donald B., et al.



Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
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Invention: MASKED DIGITAL SIGNATURES

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 12/20/2004 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: March 20, 2005      Date until: June 20, 2005      Date

The fee for the extension of time is \$1,020 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

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